

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale NW9 4EW
19 May 2023
Our ref: 9637936

Thank you for your request received on 24 April 2023, for the following information:

This is a Freedom of Information request.

I would like to know:

- how many liability orders has the council sought over council tax arrears between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2023?**
- how many of these liability orders has resulted in bailiffs being sent to collect the debt?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

- how many liability orders has the council sought over council tax arrears between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2023?***

2021-22: 15,692
2022-23: 19,571

- how many of these liability orders has resulted in bailiffs being sent to collect the debt?***

2021-22: 29,569
2022-23: 15,328

Please note, due to the pandemic, recovery action was paused in 2020-21 and did not restart until the following financial year. Due to this, the number of cases issued to the enforcement agents will include cases from prior years.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions in our reporting system we are unable to provide a specific number of cases that were just related to the liability orders issued in 2021-22.

Further information

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If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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